

**Advisory Committee on Trauma**  
**Minutes**  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**ATTENDING:** Dr. Paul Harrison, Dr. Scott Sellers, Lois Towster, Pam Kemp, Pat Dowlin, Darlene Whitlock, Robert Orth, Leanne Irsik, Kerry McCue, Tim Pitts, Dr. Dennis Allin, Walt Regehr, Jeff Strickler, Connie Meyer, Rep. Garry Boston, Senator Susan Waggle, Senator David Haley and Rep Judy Showalter.

**ABSENT:** Dr. Craig Concannon, Mike Bradford, Jack Shearer, Warren Hixson, Nancy Brown, and Roger John

Dr. Harrison called the meeting to order at 10am. Minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved

**The Role of Designated Burn Centers in Trauma System:**

Janet Cusick, Burn Outreach Coordinator Via Christi Wichita provided an overview of the role of burn centers in trauma systems. She asked that as we move forward with the Kansas Trauma Plan that we consider the resources that burn centers can offer in providing burn care to the trauma patient. She emphasized that burn care is a specialized health care service and nationally resources are limited both in number of hospital burn beds as well as medical personnel trained to provide burn care. She stated that there are 1,500 hospital beds dedicated to burn care in the U.S. with 23 of those beds in Kansas. Via Chrisit and KUMC are the two facilities in Kansas who provide specialized burn care. Burn patients are sometimes transferred between Wichita and Oklahoma depending upon which facility has open beds.

Janet described the role that burn centers had in taking care of the survivors of the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon in Washington, DC as many of these trauma patients were burned. Most personnel are trained to take care of adults and not children. Janet also stated that burn patients typically stay at a burn center for the coarse of treatment until they are ready to go home or to rehab.

**Burn Registry Report:**

Lois Towster provided a report from the registry subcommittee meeting held in March with the State Fire Marshal's office. It was concluded that the required data elements for the Fire Marshall's office is more extensive than is required for the trauma registry. It was reported at the committee meeting that the Fire Marshal's office is limited in manpower hours dedicated to data collection and was interested in pursing a partnership with the trauma registry data collection and possibly avoid duplication of data reporting efforts by hospitals. It was concluded that KDHE would provide aggregate data on burn injuries as collected in the state trauma registry but this would only be a subset of data currently requested by the Fire Marshal's office. A letter will be sent to the Fire Marshal's office that we will cooperate with them in providing data with the acknowledgment that it is only a subset of total burn patients.

**Bioterrorism Update:**

Richard Morrissey gave an overview of Bioterrorism program activities currently taking place in Kansas. Executive Summaries were shared from both the Kansas Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program and the Kansas Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program. Please see attachments.

Dr. Moser, MPH, Director of Division of Health, will serve as Executive Director of the Public Health Bio-terrorism Preparedness and Response Program and as Coordinator of the Hospital Bio-terrorism Preparedness Program. Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, MPH, State Epidemiologist, will serve as Medical Director for both programs. Dr. Craig Concannon was nominated to serve on the Kansas Bioterrorism Coordinating Council as a representative from the ACT committee.

**Information meetings:**

Darlene reported on the two trauma informational meetings that were held. The first one was in Pittsburg on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the second in Great Bend May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attendance at both meetings was good. There were over 30 people in attendance in Pittsburg and 70 people in Great Bend. A third meeting is being planned in Topeka on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. These meetings are being held in response to a need identified for more information on the trauma system after the initial trauma registry training in February.

**Trauma Registry:**

Sherry Davis provided an update on the status of the Kansas Trauma registry. Staff from thirteen hospitals have been trained between December 2001 and February 2002. Plans are underway for a week of training scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002. At that time the total number of hospitals who will have trained staff and will be implementing the trauma registry is 24. Two day trainings have been scheduled for both Topeka and Hays. The fifth day is an advanced report writing class scheduled in Wichita.

There was discussion regarding patient consent for data submitted to the state registry. KHA obtained legal review of how hospitals might best meet this requirement. As required by state statute, notice to patients is required for inclusion of data into the state trauma registry. After legal review, hospitals have two options for providing notice; a) separate document regarding trauma data which must be signed by the patient or patient representative b) a generic statement incorporated in the hospital "Notice of Privacy Practices" required by HIPPA that informs the patient that the hospital will "disclose non-identifying data in compliance with state disease and/or injury registries."

At the information meetings, it was brought up that hospitals are asking for deadlines as to when they need to submit data to the state trauma registry.

**Trauma Education contract:**

Tom Sipe, coordinator for the Consortium for the Improvement of Trauma Education gave us a list of classes that are currently scheduled for TNCC & PHTLS. Please see attached handout for class location and date.

**Regional Trauma Council:**

Rosanne reported that since the meeting in February two more regional trauma councils have been formed. The SW regional meeting was held in March in Garden City and the South Central council meeting in April in Wichita. Response to these meetings has been good. Initially when we started the process of establishing the RTCs, there was concern expressed by some hospitals that they wanted to either have membership in other RTCs or be moved to a different RTC. This issue has not resurfaced with the establishment of the last 4 RTCs. The SE RTC meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and the NE RTC will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Topeka.

**Federal Trauma Grant:**

Kansas applied for a HRSA grant for EMS/Trauma Systems development. The grant was due in April. There were 5 key areas that were required as part of the grant including; a lead agency, trauma systems manager, stakeholder's group, completion of the National Trauma EMS survey and a written trauma care system plan. Since we have all 5 of these in place, we proposed to use grant funding to do a needs assessment of emergency medical dispatch in the state.

**State Trauma Fund:**

Richard Morrissey gave an overview of the current status of the Trauma Fund. As it currently stands, the trauma fee fund was not tapped this next fiscal for other programmatic activities or for the state general fund. The past two years, funding from the trauma fund has supported stroke prevention and pregnancy maintenance activities.

**National Trauma Plan:**

A copy of the "Trauma System Agenda for the Future" was distributed to members. This was released at the American Trauma Society meeting held in Washington DC in April.

**Trauma Proclamation:**

The Governor signed a proclamation declaring the Month of May as Trauma Awareness Month in Kansas.

**MCH Injury Prevention Grants:**

The Kansas Injury Program has announced the awards of the MCH injury prevention funds. Awards were made to seven community projects. These grant funds are to be used to support injury prevention projects targeted toward reducing childhood injuries.

**EMS Update:**

David Lake provided an update from the Board of EMS. Legislation was passed this year to provide support to the Board through the Fire Marshal's fee fund. This will allow funding to the regions to continue. HB 2665 was passed this legislative session authorizing an attendant to provide services under direction supervision while awaiting results of their certification exam. The senate committee added authority for EMTs to administer epinephrine auto injectors. The EMSC conference has been scheduled this year for September 5 - 7 in Wichita. Information will be sent to all ACT members. The Brain Trauma Foundation training went very well. Participants included nurses, physicians, and EMS personnel. There were over 130 people

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trained to provide programs on prehospital care of the brain injured.

**Other:**

We will plan on a strategic planning meeting for the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Kansas Medical Society.